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Docket No. 17452 (BOT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: STEWARD, L.E., et al.

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For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS FOR  
BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E TOXINS

Examiner: Duffy, P.A.

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Irvine, California

**Petition for Extension of Time  
Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))    | \$120.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$450.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1590.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2160.00 |

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 01-0885.

Dated: May 31, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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